## MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES POST OFFICE BOX 451 JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39205

### PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W7 3688

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in New Albany, Mississippi on April 2, 2008, under authority of Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent and thirty days thereafter did adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2008-09 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-1-29, 49-5-13 and 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W6 3688 is hereby amended, and the following 2008-09 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

## 2008-2009 Regulations for Graham Lake Waterfowl Management Area

### Lafayette County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Nov. 21	Does and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Nov. 15	Dec. 31	Does and legal bucks.
TRAPPING	Jan. 1	Feb. 28	See area manager for permit.
YOUTH WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations		

NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed, except hogs during archery, youth deer, and waterfowl seasons and as prescribed in "DOG RESTRICTIONS" under special instructions.

# SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRAHAM LAKE WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W7 3688

WMA USER PERMIT: All persons using this wildlife management area, except those exempt from purchasing an annual hunting or fishing license, must carry on their person an annual statewide Wildlife Management Area User Permit. This permit is required in addition to the daily visitor use permit and any required license.

CLOSED AREA: Area is closed to access beyond the public viewing area except during archery season and special youth hunt dates.

BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits.

**PERMIT STATIONS**: All visitors must obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card from a self-service permit station. Parts A and B of this permit must be legibly filled out before using the WMA. Part A of the permit must be deposited in the return box at a permit station before using the WMA. Part B must be displayed on the dash of the vehicle so that the name, address, and date are

Public Notice No. W7 3688 Page Two

visible from outside the vehicle. Permits are invalid if not properly dated or if date has been changed. Before leaving the WMA, visitors must complete the reverse side of Part B of the permit and deposit it in the return box at a permit station. It is the responsibility of the Area Manager and other Agency personnel to have permit cards completed.

**DEER DATA COLLECTION**: All deer harvested must be checked at the deer check station as denoted on the area map by the hunter who harvested them. If WMA personnel are not available to check the deer, the hunter is responsible for collecting and legibly recording ALL biological data. Instructions and equipment will be provided.

**LEGAL BUCKS**: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 12 inches OR one main beam length of at least 15 inches. For hunters less than 16 years of age, one of the three buck bag limit may be any antlered buck.

ANTLERLESS DEER REGULATIONS: This WMA is NOT open to antlerless deer hunting during statewide either-sex gun days (Dec. 20-21).

**DOG RESTRICTIONS**: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Hogs may be hunted with dogs during daylight hours Jan. 17-Feb. 28 and Aug. 1-Sep. 30.

**LEGAL WEAPONS**: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Only rimfire rifles .22 caliber or smaller or any caliber of handgun with a six inch barrel or less may be used when hunting hogs with dogs.

**OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs**: Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting or fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs is allowed for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. No loaded weapon may be in possession when retrieving harvested game.

HORSES: No horses allowed.

CAMPING: No camping allowed.

**BEARS**: Black bears may occur on this WMA. They are federally protected as a threatened subspecies. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 36, will be enforced. For additional information, contact the Corps of Engineers at (662) 563-4531.

This adopted public notice will become effective June 23, 2008. Witness my hand and seal this the  $6^{th}$  day of May 2008.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

John C Stanley IV. Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY:

Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director

I certify this to be a true and correct copy

Executive Director

Notary Willer

